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Copies of the listed documents are submitted herewith along with Form PTO-1449. The listed documents were previously cited in pending Application No. 10/031,817. Applicants respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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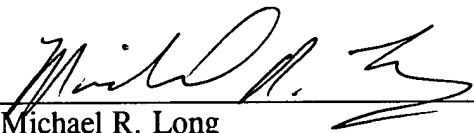
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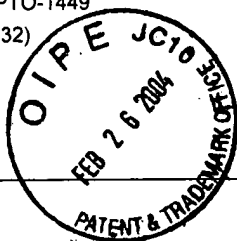
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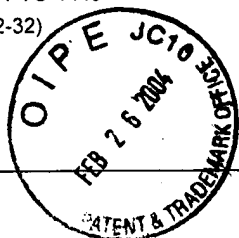
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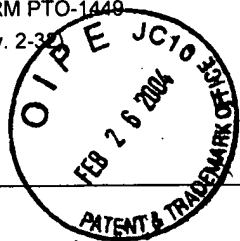
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